CROCHET HEART BLANKET: BEAUTIFUL 36 INCH BABY BLANKET WITH HEARTS

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FINISHED SIZE

About 36 inches wide by 40 inches long (91.5 cm by 102 cm), using worsted weight yarn and a 5.5 mm hook. Sizes are approximate and will vary a little with your yarn and tension.

SKILL LEVEL

Advanced beginner. You need double crochet and clean color changes. The blanket is worked back and forth in rows, so the construction is simple, but the heart rows need you to follow the color changes carefully.

TIME

The source pattern gives no exact time. It is a relaxed project rather than a weekend rush. The 77 plain rows in the solid center work up quickly, and the heart rows at each end are the slow, careful part. That time is an estimate, not a source fact.

MATERIALS

- Worsted weight (#4) yarn in blue and white, about 500 grams (18 ounces) in total
- I-9 (5.5 mm) crochet hook
- Yarn needle
- Scissors

ABBREVIATIONS (US terms)

ch: chain. dc: double crochet. st(s): stitch(es). RS: right side. WS: wrong side.

GAUGE

14 double crochet stitches and 10 rows equal 4 inches (10 cm). Gauge is important if you want your blanket to match the finished 36 by 40 inch size. Small differences in tension may change the final measurements. At this gauge, 126 stitches across make 36 inches wide, and 99 rows make about 40 inches long.

NOTES

This blanket is worked back and forth in rows. Chain 2 at the beginning of each row. This does not count as a stitch. Carry the unused yarn along the back of your work, or cut and rejoin the yarn as needed. Change colors on the final yarn over of the current stitch so the new color is ready for the next stitch. Check your stitch count at the end of each row to keep the blanket edges straight. The number before dc tells you how many double crochet stitches to make in that color. For example, x 9 dc (blue) means work 9 double crochet stitches with blue yarn. The number in brackets at the end of each row is the stitch count you should have. Every row in this pattern has 126 stitches. The source pattern gives no border or edging, so the blanket finishes with two plain blue rows.

FIRST ROW OF HEARTS, ROWS 1 TO 11

Row 1: Ch 128, dc into the 3rd ch from the hook and in each remaining chain across, turn. (126 stitches)

Row 2: Ch 2, x 126 dc (blue), turn. (126 stitches)

Row 3: Ch 2, x 9 dc (blue), x 3 dc (white), x 18 dc (blue), x 3 dc (white), x 18 dc (blue), x 3 dc (white), x 18 dc (blue), x 3 dc (white), x 18 dc (blue), x 3 dc (white), x 18 dc (blue), x 3 dc (white), x 9 dc (blue), turn. (126 stitches)

Row 4: Ch 2, x 8 dc (blue), x 5 dc (white), x 16 dc (blue), x 5 dc (white), x 16 dc (blue), x 5 dc (white), x 16 dc (blue), x 5 dc (white), x 16 dc (blue), x 5 dc (white), x 16 dc (blue), x 5 dc (white), x 8 dc (blue), turn. (126 stitches)

Row 5: Ch 2, x 7 dc (blue), x 7 dc (white), x 14 dc (blue), x 7 dc (white), x 14 dc (blue), x 7 dc (white), x 14 dc (blue), x 7 dc (white), x 14 dc (blue), x 7 dc (white), x 14 dc (blue), x 7 dc (white), x 7 dc (blue), turn. (126 stitches)

Row 6: Ch 2, x 6 dc (blue), x 9 dc (white), x 12 dc (blue), x 9 dc (white), x 12 dc (blue), x 9 dc (white), x 12 dc (blue), x 9 dc (white), x 12 dc (blue), x 9 dc (white), x 12 dc (blue), x 9 dc (white), x 6 dc (blue), turn. (126 stitches)

Row 7: Ch 2, x 5 dc (blue), x 11 dc (white), x 10 dc (blue), x 11 dc (white), x 10 dc (blue), x 11 dc (white), x 10 dc (blue), x 11 dc (white), x 10 dc (blue), x 11 dc (white), x 10 dc (blue), x 11 dc (white), x 5 dc (blue), turn. (126 stitches)

Row 8: Ch 2, x 4 dc (blue), x 13 dc (white), x 8 dc (blue), x 13 dc (white), x 8 dc (blue), x 13 dc (white), x 8 dc (blue), x 13 dc (white), x 8 dc (blue), x 13 dc (white), x 8 dc (blue), x 13 dc (white), x 4 dc (blue), turn. (126 stitches)

Row 9: Ch 2, x 3 dc (blue), x 15 dc (white), x 6 dc (blue), x 15 dc (white), x 6 dc (blue), x 15 dc (white), x 6 dc (blue), x 15 dc (white), x 6 dc (blue), x 15 dc (white), x 6 dc (blue), x 15 dc (white), x 3 dc (blue), turn. (126 stitches)

Row 10: Ch 2, x 3 dc (blue), [x 7 dc (white), x 1 dc (blue), x 7 dc (white), x 6 dc (blue)] x 5, x 7 dc (white), x 1 dc (blue), x 7 dc (white), x 3 dc (blue), turn. (126 stitches)

Row 11: Ch 2, x 4 dc (blue), [x 5 dc (white), x 3 dc (blue), x 5 dc (white), x 8 dc (blue)] x 5, x 5 dc (white), x 3 dc (blue), x 5 dc (white), x 4 dc (blue), turn. (126 stitches)

SOLID BLANKET CENTER, ROWS 12 TO 88

Rows 12 to 88: Ch 2, dc in each st across with blue yarn, turn. (126 stitches in every row, 77 rows)

SECOND ROW OF HEARTS, ROWS 89 TO 99

Row 89: Ch 2, x 4 dc (blue), [x 5 dc (white), x 3 dc (blue), x 5 dc (white), x 8 dc (blue)] x 5, x 5 dc (white), x 3 dc (blue), x 5 dc (white), x 4 dc (blue), turn. (126 stitches)

Row 90: Ch 2, x 3 dc (blue), [x 7 dc (white), x 1 dc (blue), x 7 dc (white), x 6 dc (blue)] x 5, x 7 dc (white), x 1 dc (blue), x 7 dc (white), x 3 dc (blue), turn. (126 stitches)

Row 91: Ch 2, x 3 dc (blue), x 15 dc (white), x 6 dc (blue), x 15 dc (white), x 6 dc (blue), x 15 dc (white), x 6 dc (blue), x 15 dc (white), x 6 dc (blue), x 15 dc (white), x 6 dc (blue), x 15 dc (white), x 3 dc (blue), turn. (126 stitches)

Row 92: Ch 2, x 4 dc (blue), x 13 dc (white), x 8 dc (blue), x 13 dc (white), x 8 dc (blue), x 13 dc (white), x 8 dc (blue), x 13 dc (white), x 8 dc (blue), x 13 dc (white), x 8 dc (blue), x 13 dc (white), x 4 dc (blue), turn. (126 stitches)

Row 93: Ch 2, x 5 dc (blue), x 11 dc (white), x 10 dc (blue), x 11 dc (white), x 10 dc (blue), x 11 dc (white), x 10 dc (blue), x 11 dc (white), x 10 dc (blue), x 11 dc (white), x 10 dc (blue), x 11 dc (white), x 5 dc (blue), turn. (126 stitches)

Row 94: Ch 2, x 6 dc (blue), x 9 dc (white), x 12 dc (blue), x 9 dc (white), x 12 dc (blue), x 9 dc (white), x 12 dc (blue), x 9 dc (white), x 12 dc (blue), x 9 dc (white), x 12 dc (blue), x 9 dc (white), x 6 dc (blue), turn. (126 stitches)

Row 95: Ch 2, x 7 dc (blue), x 7 dc (white), x 14 dc (blue), x 7 dc (white), x 14 dc (blue), x 7 dc (white), x 14 dc (blue), x 7 dc (white), x 14 dc (blue), x 7 dc (white), x 14 dc (blue), x 7 dc (white), x 7 dc (blue), turn. (126 stitches)

Row 96: Ch 2, x 8 dc (blue), x 5 dc (white), x 16 dc (blue), x 5 dc (white), x 16 dc (blue), x 5 dc (white), x 16 dc (blue), x 5 dc (white), x 16 dc (blue), x 5 dc (white), x 16 dc (blue), x 5 dc (white), x 8 dc (blue), turn. (126 stitches)

Row 97: Ch 2, x 9 dc (blue), x 3 dc (white), x 18 dc (blue), x 3 dc (white), x 18 dc (blue), x 3 dc (white), x 18 dc (blue), x 3 dc (white), x 18 dc (blue), x 3 dc (white), x 18 dc (blue), x 3 dc (white), x 9 dc (blue), turn. (126 stitches)

Row 98: Ch 2, x 126 dc (blue), turn. (126 stitches)

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FINISHING

Fasten off and weave in all ends with the yarn needle, hiding them on the wrong side of the blanket. The source pattern gives no border or edging. Block lightly if you like, to even out the stitches and straighten the edges.

TIPS FOR A NEAT BLANKET

- Count at the end of every row. Every row has 126 stitches. If your count is short, you have missed a stitch at the edge or inside a heart. Check the row you just worked before going on.

- Change colors on the final yarn over of the current stitch, so the new color is ready for the next stitch and the color change looks clean.
- Carry the unused yarn loosely along the back of the work, or cut and rejoin as needed. Do not pull the carried yarn tight, or the blanket will pucker.
- Check your gauge before you begin. At 14 double crochet stitches to 4 inches, 126 stitches make 36 inches wide. If your gauge is tighter or looser, your blanket will come out narrower or wider.
- Keep the edges straight by working the last stitch of each row into the top of the last stitch of the row below, not into the turning chain, since the chain 2 does not count as a stitch.

VARIATIONS

- Soft pink and cream: work the blanket in cream with pink hearts for a softer nursery look.
- Red hearts on white: work the blanket in white with red hearts for a Valentine's Day gift.
- Rainbow hearts: work each of the 6 hearts in a different color for a bright, playful blanket. The solid center stays in one calm color.

Pattern adapted from the free pattern by Lovable Loops: Free Crochet Heart Baby Blanket Pattern, https://lovableloops.com/crochet-heart-baby-blanket-pattern/

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